OLD ONES REVAMPED.

Debate.

SOME OF THEM ARE QUITE GOOD.

How Members Often Raise a Laugh in the House.

LINCOLN AS A HUMORIST.

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F ALL THE STORY THE STORY of the disease; but I think she will die of the remedy."

i the air of "Now, Mr. Speaker," said John after the breathed the air of there Washington was none whose anecdotes are more often quoted than country of the disease, but I do not intend to vote for a remedy that will be worse than the disease itself." those of Abraham In speaking of the democratic orators, Lincoln. There was who believe that the republicans had done also none more apalso none plicable to the subject of conversation. didates for the office of treasurer of Al-His story of swapping horses while crossing a stream

crossing a stream
The man who was running for the office the first time followed his competitor all fcar people appreciate applicable anecdotes, over the country denouncing the proposiand Lincoln's stories were never told without a purpose. They were lights that made his public policy clearly distinguishable. Whether told upon the stump in Illinois or at cabinet meetings they were equally effective. The people appreciated the moral as well as the point of each story. This story-telling gift of the martyred President gave him a popularity that became

The stories told upon the floor of the House are indicative of the character and ability of the Representatives. Some are was in town. The Senate is a staid and dignified body and produces very few reminiscences. There is an abandon about the House, however, which produces a story-telling atmosphere. The debate on the repeal of the Sherman law would have been a very dry discussion indeed were it not for the stories illustrative of the situation. Some of these have already been retold; others are worth recording. Only one Senator ventured upon reminiscent ground. He was that glorious veteran, Zebulon B. Vance. In attacking the repealers he said that they wanted to maintain a parity between the metals, and therefore they cut the only cord that held silver up, and permitted it to drop out of sight in the abyss. They reminded him of an Irishman who had been induced to go down the shaft of a mine in a bucket. There was a charge for a blast below him. The fuse had gone out and he was to descend and relight it. When half way down he saw a spark of fire be-low him. Thrilled with fear, he shouted, thought the third term principle was all printing these bills. It is probable that a "Pull me up, boys! pull me up quick!"

They began to pull him up, but the bucket moved very slowly. The excited Irishman and when you come to apply that principle screamed, "Hauf me up quick. Begorra if to the office of county treasurer there is no easy reach of the members of both houses you don't haul me up quicker, may the devil fly away wid me but I'll cut the rope." This was an old story, but the grave and

Not long after the Senator paid his re-Senator Voorhees for incorporating in his bill a part of the Chicago plat-

form. He expressed his opinion by saying: "Was there ever a cat trotting through the tangled thickets of the Alleghenies or roaming over the barren wilds of the Rocky cat? Was there ever any bug discovered d classified by science with a hum equal to the hum of this bug?"
This natural flow of language again set

the Senate in a roar. In speaking e said that he had never snown a Senator more anxious for the undoing of his own action than this Senator. 'It is a confession that he is wrong and it is an appeal from his conscience which seems to say to the court, 'Hurry up, judge, I am a great criminal. Let there be no de lay. Don't even let the jury have water.'

Different in the House.

And this was the nearest attempt at story teiling that was made in the Senate during the discussion. In the House it was different. It averaged at least a story a day. Some were good and some were bad, but all indicated the material that forms the popular legislative body.

Gen. Hooker of Mississippi recalled an extremely interesting reminiscence during the discussion of the rules. It was concerning his first appearance in Congress. He said he had been in the House for three months and had not opened his mouth. Samuel J. Randall had an appropriation bill before the House. A friend of Mr. Hooker's went to Mr. Randall and said: "There is a new member here from Mississippi. That state has been referred to by some one on this side and I wish you would give him an op-portunity to speak for ten or fifteen min-Mr. Randall turned and sooked at Gen. Hooker, closing one eye as he scrutinized him, and said: "Well, he is a new member. There is no telling what in the devil he may say and I think he had better

Hooker said that he never got even until Mr. Randall invited him to go to Philadelphia with a number of other gentlemen and make a speech in his benati which he was a candidate for re-election. He received the Pennsylvanian's invitation by the street here you jump out from the door, wave your hat and hallo 'boo' to him. You wave your hat and hallo 'boo' to him. You Randall, I am a new member and there is no telling what the devil I may say and I

Randall acknowledged the corn and Gen. Hooker went to Philadelphia and made as fine a speech as was ever heard in that city. The Hon. Leonidas F. Livingston in his peech quoted an expression of Abraham Lincoln that he said he was very fond of. Lincoln once said: "God must like the com-Whereupon some mon people very much." gentleman present asked "Why?"
"Because he made so many of them."



Time to Express His Sentiments "

'Common people," Mr. Livingston said, the earth when they can get of the politicians. They are the bulwarks of society and God cares for society."

Benjamin F. Grady of North Carolina,
though an earnest worker in the House, takes part in debate. The fight

After the langement in the House subsided, Mr. Gray went on and expressed his centiments, and they were tersely applicable.

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said: "One beam will not hold up your house. If you take solid seasoned white oak you will have a beam just as strong as your steel beam, and these two will up hold the entire structure." But the fellow

replied: "No, I won't put in wooden beams

crashed upon his head. The application of this story is self-evident.

far the most humorous speech on the re-peal bill. He said he never favored the

providing for any increase in the volume of

currency. To remove it without substi-tuting anything in its place would put us

ployer was away. The cow was taken sick. In writing to the family, who were at the

White Sulphur Springs, he said:
"The cow have been sick. I done give her some medicine and she are now well

merriment had subsided, "I am as anxious as any member on this floor to cure the

"Two of my constituents were once can-

two terms and the other was running against him in opposition to a third term.

office himself for two terms and a new

election was approaching. The time was

was serious. He came to town one morning and said:

"'Boys, have any of you seen anything of Beach Mitchell?"

had beaten. They told him that Beach

She Will Die of the Remedy."

on the third term issue. I heard this talk

wrong. At that time I had never reflected very much about the question, but since then I have thought about it a good deal,

"Now, my friends," said Allen, "in mak-

"The Secretaries of the Treasury

bankers. They tried to get Secretary Car-

from them. Instead of scaring the Secre

me of a fellow in Arizona who had a two-year-old colt. In talking to one of his

he had thoroughly broken the colt.

"You handed Too Lond."

shied, and when its owner picked himself

FARMING IN NORTH DAKOTA.

Diversified Crops Do Not Pay so Well

as Wheat Growing Does.

I met on a train in North Dakota a very

City for the past ten years. He said that

to yield, but when he came to figure up cost

and receipts he found that he would have done better to stick to wheat. One trouble

with other crops was the lack of a home

experienced labor at moderate wages. One

year he had raised a fine crop of corn, but

laborers engaged in cutting and husking he found that the corn had cost him more than

he could have bought Iowa corn for at the

railway station. Another year he had a magnificent crop of potatoes, which could

have been shipped to St. Paul and sold for

to dig them.

good price, but he could not hire anybody

There were plenty of idle fellows in town. but they all said that, while they were will-

ing to work with a threshing crew, they positively would not dig potatoes. So the

crop froze in the ground, except the small part of it that the farmer and his wife dug themselves. "Now I raise nothing for mar-

ket except wheat," he continued, "but I produce everything I can on the farm for food and forage. I raise hogs, keep a small

to my neighbors and take my pay in kind

when they kill an animal. I have tried oats, flax, rye and barley, but I never made

little money, will do well in spite of

after he had paid the lazy and unskillful

From the Northwest Magazine.

AMOS J. CUMMINGS.

lisle to issue bonds for their benefit

their stockings and bedticks. They

neighbors in Tombstone

acknowledge it.'

words:

"Beach Mitchell was the man whom he

Stories That Are Told to Enliven in my building, no matter how strong the timber may be. I am going to put all the weight on the steel beam and there is no use in talking about it."

He did as he said and the house soon

John M. Allen of Tupelo, Miss., made by CHANCES OF ERROR REDUCED.

Sherman law. He spoke and voted against it at the time of its passage. He did not like it then, and did not like it now, but it was the only law on the statute books providing for any invested in the statute books. Heretofore They Have Always Been Engrossed.

very much in the condition of the negro's cow. The darkey had been left in charge of the home in Mississippi while his em-

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the House of Representatives have taken a step which will probably save the called. many tens of thousands of dollars-a for the well-known conservatism of Congress. A resolution

has passed the two houses of Congress providing that hereafter all bills which pass tion for a third term. The people indorsed him, and he was selected in opposition to the third term candidate. He held the houses shall be engrossed in printed form. either house shall be enrolled in printed houses shall be engrossed in printed form to receive the signatures of the presiding officers and the final signature of the Prescoming when he must get out of office officers and the final signature of the Preshimself or repudiate the platform upon ident. The innovation takes effect at the which he had been elected. The situation beginning of the regular session of Congress beginning of the regular session of Congress in December.

Since the beginning of the government bills have been enrolled and engrossed with the pen. The enrolling has been done on long sheets of heavy paper-the engrossing on old anecdotes clothed in a new dress.
Others are new and characteristic of the office of Congress. It is the first prominent mile stone on the road to the modernization of congressional methods.

In the matter of engrossing or enrolling the bills of Congress speed was not so important a consideration as accuracy; and some of the costly mistakes made by the clerks of both House and Senate in copying bills have taught Congress the wisdom of changing the form of this work. Of course, the proof reader of the government printing office is not infallible; but there is much less likelihood of mistakes in a printed document which has been read in the proof two or three times than in a handwritten document which has gone through one revision. Especially is this true of the bills which come up for consideration in the last hours of Congress, when the clerks are worn with much labor and their eyes are heavy for want of sleep. It is altogether likely that the government printing office set of presses will be put in the Capitol or in a building not far away, and that the printing of the bills will be done within

sense in it, and am glad that I have the and of the clerks. manhood when I see that I am wrong to An Immense Amount of Work. In the early days of a congressional sesreverend seniors around Gen. Vance burst ing the application of the story those of into laughter when they heard it.

ing the application of the story those of you who have received compliments from easy matter. The enrolling clerks have Tom Reed today for bravery and acumen very little to do. They have time to revise after you have been going around the country denouncing the republican party. and reread a bill as often as may seem neits financial policy and the ruin and wreck cessary to insure accuracy. But in the last One of the best stories illustrative of the financial situation was told by Marcus and of reading for corrections. Most of the Aurelius Smith of Arizona. To use his clerks have been working night and day. and of reading for corrections. Most of the They are too much exhausted to take any When and are perpetuated in the laws of the they failed in this they thought that they would scare him into it, so they started a financial panic, but the panic got away one of commission, as often one of omis-sion. One of the most important paratary they scared the people, who gathered all the money in sight and shoved in into graphs in the McKinley tariff law (the to cco paragraph) was omitted by a mistake of the enrolling clerk. The mistake was not discovered and the bill received the nature of the President and became a law one day he said in this imperfect form. An attempt was made to have the entire law declared un-"'Why he is mighty young to be well broken, the neighbor replied.
"'Well,' said the owner of the colt, constitutional on account of this omission. But the Supreme Court held that it could not go behind the signature of the President. The law as filed in the State Departyou wait and I will show you. I am going ment, said the court, was the law. Hundreds of mistakes made by the clerks of Congress could be pointed out in existing laws. Some of them have cost the government many millions. These are the mistakes made in tariff laws. The omission of

a punctuation mark in a tariff law will One of the most celebrated examples of this was the fruit paragraph in the tariff law of 1872. The bill as passed provided that "fruit plants" should be admitted free. The clerks were probably copying the bill together—one reading and the other writing —and the paragraph as engrossed provided that "fruit, plants" should be admitted free. The substitution of the comma for the hy-phen put tropical and semi-tropical fruit on the free list, when it was intended that only tropical and semi-tropical fruit plants should be on the list. A sharp lawyer saw the flaw, went among the fruit importers and got authority from them to bring suit, and the government had to repay to these importers more than half a million dollars, of which fully one-half went to the at-

Difficulties That May Arise It is not so bad when mistakes of this character are made in the early days of a session and are discovered before the law has been enforced or before much damage up from a pile of stones on the other side of the fence, wiped the blood from his face, and got himself together, he shook his fist vengefully at his neighbor and shouted: 'You quickly. But in the last hours of a Congress a mistake like this may be a very serious a mistake like this may be a very serious matter. If the mistake is discovered before Congress adjourns there may be time in which to correct it. If it is discovered after Congress has adjourned it may be too late to correct it at all. The next House of Representatives may be of a different political complexion from the one which has effects over to his creditors. Such an exjust adjourned sine die; there may be an other President, even the Sentance have been a complex of the sentance of the sentance is a rarity for the man who complex of the sentance is a rarity for the man who complex of the sentance is a rarity for the man who complex of the sentance is a rarity for the man who complex of the sentance is a rarity for the man who complex of the sentance is a rarity for the man who complex of the sentance is a rarity for the man who complex of the sentance is a sentance is a rarity for the man who complex of the sentance is a sent just adjourned sine die; there may be an-other President; even the Senate may have intelligent American farmer who has been tilling a moderately large farm near Valley pass the Fifty-first Congress, when the republicans had both branches of the legisla a great deal of nonsense is printed in the newspapers of the state advising people to go into diversified farming. He had tried

go into diversified farming. He had tried of all sorts of crops, and with good success as democratic. The longest bill ever copied by the Senate enrolling clerks was the McKinley tariff bill. As it passed the House it filled sixtyseven printed pages—for the bills as they pass are printed in duplicate for the use of members and Senators. The Senate amend contained about 40,000 words. The bill was perfected near the end of the session of Congress. If the clerks had had to copy all of it after its passage they would not have finished the work in time for the bill to go to the President for his signature before adjournment. They copied a great deal of it in advance of its passage, using their of bills which were expected to pass and policy will undoubtedly be followed with the of the passage a blank. This blank can be filled in when the bill is passed and the print on parchment can be run off and sent to the presiding officers of the two houses for signature within ten minutes after the From the Boston Journal. any money on them. When I got a good the session, the date can be filled in anyway, yield the price was too low. I have made and if the bill passes the Vice President can and if the bill passes the Vice President can affix his signature to it the moment after the affirmative action of the Senate is taken and the Speaker of the House can affix his a minute later. Three minutes after its a minute later, the bands of the President Control of the President Control of the President Control of the President Control of the Speaker of the House can affix his attention was attracted by a noise resemble to the bands of the President Control of the Speaker of the House can affix his attention was attracted by a noise resemble to the bands of the President Control of the Speaker of the House can affix his attention was attracted by a noise resemble to the bands of the President Control of the Speaker of the House can affix his attention was attracted by a noise resemble to the bands of the President Control of the Speaker of the House can affix his attention was attracted by a noise resemble to the bands of the President Control of the Speaker of the House can affix his attention was attracted by a noise resemble to the bands of the President Control of the Speaker of the House can affix his attention was attracted by a noise resemble to the bands of the President Control of the Speaker of the House can affix his attention was attracted by a noise resemble to the bands of the President Control of the Speaker of the House can affix his attention was attracted by a noise resemble to the Attorney General. near. Picking himself up he duce as much food stuff for his family and a minute later. Three minutes after its animals as possible, so as to pay out very passage it can be in the hands of the Presishort crops and continued low wing of the Capitol. On the last day of the

a pneumatic tube will carry bills from one OUALITY OF MERCY. Errors That Have Been Made.

tariff laws are not the only important errors which have been made by the enrolling clerks. Some years ago, one of the clerks wrote "\$2,000" for "\$200,000" in the river

The Power to Pardon Vested in the of the army or navy to pay a fine instead of undergoing suspension from rank. He can pardon an offender before he is sentenced, or even before conviction, but this and harbor bill and thus cut down the appropriation for the improvement of the Illinois river \$198,000. Another clerical error made the salary of Mr. Wheeler, Vice President of the United States, \$80,000, instead of \$8,000. Mr. Wheeler, it is hardly necessary to say, took \$8,000. Amzi Smith, the keeper of the Senate document room, came very near receiving some millions dollars some years ago as the result of a mistake in engrossing a bill. Mr. Smith's salary was \$3,000. The clerk wrote "three thousand thousand," instead of "three thousand dollars." If he had written "three thousand thousand dollars," Mr.Smith would have been entitled to \$3,000,000 for that year, though it is not certain that the Treasury Department would have honored his warrant for that amount. The depart-HE SENATE AND ment saved Mr. Smith some embarrass ment by interpreting the faulty paragraph for him and paying him "three thousand dollars" instead of the indefinite "three thousand thousand" for which the law

The mistakes made by clerks in copying

United States a great | Under the rules of the Congress the bill which is read and passed is the manuscript bill which comes from the enrolling clerks. As a fact, the bill which step that should have the reading clerk handles is the printed been taken years ago. duplicate which comes from the government and which would have been taken but The bill which passes the two houses of Congress is the printed bill which the read ing clerk uses and which is filed on the desks of Senators and members. The bill which receives the signature of the presiding officers of the two houses and goes to the President for approval is the bill which comes from the enrolling clerks. So the law as it goes on the statute books may be different some respects from the contemplated by Congress-in fact, it fre-

quently is different.

What Congress has done in providing for the printing of the laws in place of their engrossment is not absolutely an innovation There is one law on the files of the State which was printed by special resolution of the two houses of Congress In 1874 Congress made a revision of the statutes. The law passed was of huge bulk. The whole force of clerks of House and Sen-ate would have worked for many days to copy it, and the possibility of error was immeasurable. A special resolution was passed providing that this law should be printed. The government printing office took two days to set it up. Only thirty copies were run off. One of these was signed by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the United States. It is on file in the State Department among thousands of manuscript parchment records. longest single law ever enacted by Congress. Probably the shortest was one of sixteen words, admitting a western city as a port of entry. A few more bills of this length would have been a boon to the enrolling clerks under the old system, especially or days when the Senate or House took a notion to pass three or four hundred private simply so much more copy for the printer

HISTORY OF ADVERTISING.

From Small Beginnings It Has Grown to Wonderful Proportions.

From the Boston Globe. Emphatically this is an age both of com-

nuity. the streets, their breasts and backs adorned | tablished. with placards of their employers; he may decorate fences and walls with posters hang signs in street cars, or till the windows of his shop with attractive displays, will receive the attention of 100.

It is now 250 years since the first adver-

turned. Thereafter, advertising grew apace, until

now it has reached enormous proportions. Like all other great movements, many lu-dicrous and amazing incidents have dotted its progress to prominence, and a fine field the author who shall collect the novel announcements of the daily and weekly press during the last two and a half Here are a few of the oddities from time to time given to the public through the medium of the types:

"A converted burglar will break the doors of hell with a gospel jimmy." "The liquor I offer is not particularly good, but as good as most of the whisky old in this neighborhood." "A laundress will take pay in lessons

the guitar and board on washing days." "Should sorrow o'er thy brow

Its darkened shadow fling, Go buy a hat of Dow: You'll find it just the thing."
"Not to pile up the agony of eloquence,

we state with great confidence that ladie attired in our new styles of spring and summer goods will find the effect so rejuvenating that all cares incident to domes-tic life will be as blithesome as kissing the dew from the roses of beauty that bloom in perennial fragrance in the elvsian fields "Auctioneering of the loudest kind, inter-

woven with ventriloquism." "An editor wanted who can please everybody; also a foreman who can so arrange the paper as to allow every man's ad. to head the column.' Under the big display advertisement of a rival an economical merchant once secured tion we the publication of these words: "Me, too. prison The London Standard some time ago crit-

icised a new poet strongly, saving, among other things: "And this extraordinary production Mr. — modestly conceives to be The poet's publisher turned the tables by His jurisdiction includes all crimes cominserting among the favorable comments on

tisement the following:
"Extraordinary production • • • equal to Goethe."-London Standard. The above are a few of the novel and transgression is punishable by the federal amusing features developed by the Angloamusing features developed by the Anglo-Saxon race in 250 years of advertising. The backbone and mainstay of the practice is,

perience is a rarity for the man who com-bines the knowledge of what to put in stock with the knowledge of how to make people aware that he has for sale the things they want. Judicious liberality is the best economy in

trade, and honest wares, honestly adver-tised and honestly sold, bring the dealer popular confidence, financial competence and personal content.

Florida's Cypress Timber. From the Jacksonville (Fia.) Times-Union.

Wherever and whenever in Florida sufficient capital, together with business energy and business judgment, has been invested in the manufacture of cypress timber the four conspicuous instances there are firms and the field is still a most inviting and this particular branch of the lumber busi-ness. From several important lumber cen-eral. The latter official hands it over to From Puck. ters of the west and northwest there has the pardon clerk of the Department of Jusprobably go through without change. This been a noticeably increased inquiry of late is an old trick of the enrolling clerks. At for large and compact bodies of standing attorney in the district where the applicant cypress timber, especially for trees of more cypress timber, especially for trees of more than the average height and size. The letter instructing that officer to make a retransportation facilities have been import-ant ones, of course, in the matter of effect- granted or not. The district attorney is printed bills. The printer will be asked to growing demand for the younger and the same question from the judge who acted smaller growths, even if they are not easily

Narrowly Escaped a Meteor.

Glines Hill is the name of a long and steep grade between the villages of Madi. forwarded to the President with an adverse steep grade between the villages of Madi-Looking to the left and up to the top of and they go to Mr. Cleveland. The latter

HOW THIS DUTY IS PERFORMED.

Involves Considerable Labor on the Executive.

IT IS ABOVE CONGRESS.

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the pardoning power duties. During the first eight months of

mutations in seventeen cases. His first act of official forgiveness was issued March judicial functions, and the throne room 21 last, in favor of a man who had been sentenced for cruelty to a seaman. The convict was in danger of losing his sight, and while in prison could not get the special medical treatment needed; so he was quality of mercy, and—in an age when let go. The next appeal considered was let go. The next appeal considered was that of a man killer, whose doom was changed from hanging to imprisonment for life. Since then Mr. Cleveland has freed two other supposed murderers-one having served already sixteen years, and the other by reason of new evidence which made his guilt doubtful.

Up to Mr. Cieveland's first term the pardoning power employed by the chief executive was a mere matter of red tape. Papers cago during the exposition, "and had a perbegging for elemency came to the White feetly splendid time." Thousands and thouther the bottom in a most ludicrous fashion. There is a tower target—largets are much begging for elemency came to the White House from the office of the Attorney GenHouse from the office of the Attorney Genhor orthogonal than recell the delights over with the letters of the alphabet and eral, and were laid upon the desk of the her enthusiasm as they recall the delighteral, and were laid upon the desk of the President's private secretary. If they were ful days at the wonderful show, when, seefavorably indersed by the Attorney Gen- ing it all and hearing all about it, they took its place. eral, the private secretary wrote upon them in pleasure and information at every turn. the words, "Approved by the President," and sent them back to the department of hear. Everything is a blank to her until giving first lessons in sewing to little justice. A pardon was then duly made out an impression can be made either through girls. The perforations form simple picin behalf of the person interested, and was her imagination or through the deaf and tures, and the latter are filled in by the in behalf of the person interested, and was returned to the Executive Mansion. The private secretary submitted it to the President, who—learning of the application then for the first time—signed it as a matter of and the time signed it as a matter of the first time—signed it as a matter of the first time. course. Mr. Cleveland upset that method and letters. course. Mr. Cleveland upset that method of doing business at once on entering the White House nearly nine years ago. He demanded a full knowledge of the documents in every case, and insisted on exercising his prerogative of deciding for himber, that wherever she went she received in the control of them being laid down upon a piece of the documents in the piece of them being laid down upon a piece of the being laid down upon a piece of th cising his prerogative of deciding for himpetition and advertising, and in the forward | self in each instance, independently of the rush to success only the shrewdest and best opinion of the Attorney General or anycan be counted on to win the great prizes body else. Though the papers are often can be counted on to win the great prizes of commerce. The merchant must have good goods, and he mustn't hesitate to let the people know of them. A thousand avenues are open for the exercise of his inge-

it wrought, ought to, like my friend, when days of the session the work of enrolling is you find that you are wrong, have the more than two or three men can handle. It wought to get up here and say you apolo
The other clerks in the office are always of the session the work of enrolling is but if he desires to get "good value" for in such cases, however, usually fail. Mr. Cleveland's indorsement on an application you find that you are wrong, have the courage to get up here and say you apologize to the republican party."

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The other clerks in the office are always of the cases, however, usually fail. Mr. Clevelandy find that are actual pleases of machinery run by clevelandy made by a possible she touched the machinery in the cases, however, usually fail. Mr. Clevelandy for the machinery run by clevelandy made by a possible she touched the machinery in the machinery run by clevelandy made by a possible she touched the machinery in the machinery run by called in to assist with the work of copying of the machinery run by clevelandy made by a possible she touched the machinery run by clevelandy made by a possible she touched the machinery run by clevelandy made by a possible she touched the machinery run by clevelandy made by a possible she touched the machinery run by clevelandy made by a possible she touched the machinery run by clevelandy made by a possible she touched the machinery run by clevelandy made by a possible she touched the machinery run by clevelandy made by a possible she touched the machinery run by clevelandy made by a possible she touched the machinery run by clevelandy made by a possible she touched the machinery run by clevelandy made by a possible she touched the machinery run by clevelandy made by a possible she touched the machinery run by clevelandy made by a possible she touched the machinery run by the machinery run by clevelandy run by the machinery run by the machine making false money reads simply: "Denied. Counterfeiting must be suppressed." On sement was published by an English jour-il. The pioneer in making known his want sentenced for stealing letters from the States. the papers submitted in behalf of a man to the world had lost a horse. He offered a mails this indorsement again reads: "Denied. Offenses of this kind are far too com-mon, and the public good, in my opinion, demands severity." Using the post for fraudulent purposes is a fault seldom condemands severity. Using the partial demands severity. Using the faces or following the grace-full demands severity. Using the faces or following the grace-full demands severity. Using the faces or following the grace-full demands severity. Using the faces or following the grace-full demands severity to the following the grace-full demands severity. It is the following the faces or following the grace-full demands severity. It is the following the faces or following the grace-full demands severity. Using the faces or following the grace-full demands severity. Using the faces or following the grace-full demands severity the faces of the faces or following the grace-full demands severity the faces of faces or following the grace-full demands severity the faces of f "Shooting at revenue officers must be dis-couraged." Now, this practice of giving reasons for

original with Mr. Cleveland. He nearly always states them. Entire frankness characterizes the Presi-

dent's indorsements on such applications. On an application made by one J. A. Lester of Virginia he writes: derstand the trading and dickering attempted in this case. When the officers of the ccurt determine whether they have convicted the prisoner or have made a con-tract with him, it will be time enough to consider the question of executive inter-

Sympathy has great influence with Mr. Cleveland in deciding on applications for pardons. He has let many a bad egg out of jail for the sake of a wife and children lacking bread and needing the earnings of the husband and father for their support. One recent indorsement reads: "This act of clemency is based entirely on pity for the convict's mother." Ike Mason, alias "Whisky Jack." confined in the penitentiary at Detroit for larceny, was released the other day because he was in the last stages of consumption. On October 31 last a bank embezzler was liberated for no other reation which could not very well succeed in

Limitations of His Power. The President has power to pardon only offenders against United States laws-such as mail thieves, counterfeiters. Illicit dis- From the Planters' Gazette. tillers and embezzlers from national banks. mitted on government reservations. A mur- but some eighteen years since they were In the District of Columbia any sort of

assault or drunkeness may appeal to Mr. Cleveland for elemency. There are now about 1.500 individuals sentenced for violations of the laws of the United States scattered about in forty odd penitentiaries in various parts of the try. The government sadiv needs prisons. It owns at present only five penal establishments-two penitentiaries in Washington state and Utah, and jails at Washington city, Portsmouth, Ark., and Sitka, Alaska. Besides these it rents a few jalls in Indian territory and Oklahoma territory. The institutions mentioned being insuffi-cient, Uncle Sam is obliged to make use of those belonging to the states. A bill was passed by the last Congress establishing three federal prisons big enough to accommodate 1,500 guests, but the necessary clause appropriating money to build them was omitted from the law by accident.

Any United States convict may apply for a pardon. He need only write a letter to the President or to the Attorney General or get somebody else to do it for him. The communication does not have to be in any legal form. Whatever its shape, it is sure to obtain just and careful consideration. If addressed to the President it is referred port, giving the facts in the case and his at the trial.

All the papers then come back to the Department of Justice at Washington. If the attorney and judge report unfavorably the petitioner is so informed. In such a case the appeal is usually abandoned as

cause the amount of a fine to be returned after it has been paid into the treasury. He may, and often does, mitigate sentences of courts martial; but he cannot change the manner of the punishment prescribed.
For example, he could not compel an officer

is not often done Etiquette has its place in the matter of pardons. On one occasion Gen. Arthur referred an application to his Secretary of War. The latter appealed for counsel to Attorney General Brewster. But Mr. Brew-ster refused to give it, because to do so ster refused to give it, because to do so would be merely to advise the Secretary as to what advice he should give to the President. Governors of territories can grant reprieves, but they can only pardon with the approval of the chief executive. A governing decision in the Department of Justice is to the effect that any district fair—for example, the Ferris wheel puzzle, attempts were a pardon to a counterattorney may assure a pardon to a counter-feiter who betrays his accomplices and gives up his plates or molds, together with all imitated paper or coin in his possession. In Massachusetts a very picturesque suade a number of shot to enter the cars custom holds, one convict being released all at the same time. HE EXERCISE OF from prison by the governor of the state

one of the most notable pardons granted for the little ones. They are shot at with office in the treasury here. He stole several thousand dollars. He was prosecuted, senenty offenders since employed him in another capacity.

The fact that respectable employment against United States awaits a convict on his release has some

of their subjects. lives still retains, for a different purpose. It is designed to temper stern justice with the of reprisal, but to prevent offenses against law-it is one of the elements of civiliza-

HELEN KELLER AT THE FAIR. How This Wonderful Girl Did the Great Exposition.

Anna M. Sullivan in December St. Nicholas. Helen Keller spent three weeks in Chi-But little Helen Keller can neither see nor

her, that wherever she went she received loving attention. The task of describing things to her was made lighter by the helpful sympathy of the chiefs of the departments. They gladly permitted her to pass the chief of the chie

The most frequent forms of crime for great doors were unlocked, and Helen was by being allowed to find a diamond nersent the only true diamond, they assured her, that had ever been found in the United States.

But the French bronzes afforded her more But the French bronzes afforded her more wheels and belts.

A remarkable dolls' house is made after

since she was nineteen months old, rarely failed to divine the thoughts which the Constant practice, indeed, has given to Helen's sense of touch a delicacy and pre-cision seldom attained even by the blind. Sometimes it seems as if her very soul were in her fingers, she finds so much to interest her everywhere. People frequently said to me at the fair: "She sees with her fingers than we do with our eyes.

And in one of her letters she says, "I ar like the people my dear friend Dr. Holmes tells about, 'with eyes in their fingers that spy out everything interesting and take

are to us; and her well-trained imagination gives the light and color. One evening, as how the thousands of they electric lights were reflected in the water of the lagoons, when she asked: "Does it look as if a shower of golden fish had been caught in an invisible net?" Is it any wonder that Dr. Holmes says of her, "She is a poet whose lyre was taken from her in her early days but whose soul is full of music." days, but whose soul is full of music we see, pathetic as Helen's life must always seem to those who enjoy the blessings of sight and hearing, that it is yet full brightness and cheer, of courage and

Orange Growing in Palestine.

the book printed in his newspaper adver- der perpetrated in any post office or other scarcely known save at Beyrout, Alexanfederal building comes under this head. dria and Constantinople. A special feature of the Jaffa orange is that it will keep thirty or forty days, and if properly packed, for two and sometimes even three months. The port of Jaffa is surounded on the land side by orange groves, covering an area of 1,780 by orange groves, covering an area of 1,780 as a red ball representing the historic of the Jaffa orange is that it will keep thir- for example. acres. New orange groves are constantly many as there were 'fteen years ago. Each orange garden contains about 2,000 square feet of planted area, equal to about 1,300 trees to 2 1-2 acres. The trees begin to bear the fourth year after planting, but it is estimated that it takes seven and knock down by shooting checkers at them sometimes eight years before an orange orchard yields a paying crop. During all this time, and even afterward, the orchards have to be watered continually, and this irrigation is the most difficult and laborious a tank with a lot of fish at the bottom. part of the work, the water having to be Through the nose of each fish is a metal drawn by means of primitive water wheels ring, and they are angled for with poles drawn by means of primitive water wheels from wells dug in the gardens ninety feet and lines, the latter having little magnets and even 100 feet deep. An improved and cheaper system of irrigation is of paramount importance, as it would tend to extensive and fertile plains round Jaffa behave been used for a while, but new ones can be easily set. The Old Oaken Bucket tensive and ferthe plants found sails to the coming, in a short space of time, extensive can be easily got. The Old Oaken Bucket orange groves, would cheapen the production, and would enable the growers and the a fish tank there is a well, into which the exporters to compete with the oranges of other countries in European markets



PLAYTHINGS FOR HOLIDAYS

Ever So Many New Kinds of Toys and Games for Girls and Boys.

Handsomer This Year Than Ever Before-Ingenious Contrivances for Interesting Young Folks.

which is a novel and interesting modification of the pigs-in-clover idea. The wheel turns around and the problem is to per-

Equally new are Punch and Judy tenping is one of the Presi-dent's most laborious was that of Cyril T. Benedict, who had charge of the Adams Express Company's spring causes it to fix apart in an interest. spring causes it to fly apart in an interesting manner. The figures represented by his present adminis-tration Mr. Cieve- he was released, at the solicitation of the land has released sevsomewhat similar device for amusing is a Humpty Dumpty target, representing the against United States laws has denied fifty applications for executive elemency, It had its beginning in the times when the stroke counts 30.

The pardoning power has been evolved in an interesting manner through history. It had its beginning in the times when the stroke counts 30.

A Ministure Post Office. One of the best of the large toys is a of those days was a police court as well.

Now the chief of a commonwealth uses the privileges of forgiveness, which he meat of private having a full compleminiature post office, which looks very meat of private boxes, a stamp window, a letter slot, &c. The boy who plays post-master sells envelopes and little postal cards that look quite like real ones on a cards that look quite like real ones on a small scale. He distributes the mail in the boxes, attends to the general delivery and makes up the missives in packages for

McGinty's ladder is a toy more entertaining than instructive. The gentleman named is made out of wood and he starts at the top of a perpendicular stick with pins on either side of it. The pins are so arranged that it is physically impossible for him to be supported on any pair of them, and so he comes scuttling down to

Lessons in Sewing. Perforated cards are a novel device for

which are intended for use as stencils. One

commerce. The commerce of the commerce of the master of the master of the goes over every one of them conscients the purpose. President Harrison followed his example, and future chief magistrates will doubtless obey the precedent thus estimation.

Interpreted every one of the manual alphabet. She was allowed oven to climb upon the great Krupp gun, and its workings were explained to us by one of the German officers. Everywhere the show-cases were opened for her, and the manual alphabet. She was allowed oven to climb upon the great Krupp gun, and its workings were explained to us by one of the German officers. Everywhere the show-cases were

Ferris Wheel and Doll House. which pardons are asked are counterfeiting and stealing from the mails. Appeals in admitted to the realms of diamonds, where everything was carefully explained to us about the precious stone; how it is mined, go for an hour. There are all sorts of toys by being allowed to find a diamond herself.— scale to a locomotive that pulls a train of by being allowed to find a diamond herself.— cars. One such plaything represents a

> pleasure than anything else at the fair. The picture which she presented as she bent over a beautiful group, her eager fingers studying the faces or following the gracetouching and pathetic I have ever seen. And, strange as it may seem to those who depend upon their eyes for the pleasure which they derive from works of art, this little blind girl, who has not seen the light so fast that they cannot be distinguished to the seen the light so fast that they cannot be distinguished to the seen the light so fast that they cannot be distinguished to the seen the light so fast that they cannot be distinguished. metal rings are dropped through a fixed chute resembling the kind used at merry-go-rounds. Most of the rings are caught on the spears by the riders and the game is won by the jockey who captures the greatest number of them. The impulse is given

by a spring. Over the Garden Wall.

It is noticeable that the games are much handsomer than they have been hitherte, "I am thanks to the perfecting of chromo-lithographic processes. One of the prettiest is called Over the Garden Wall. It is a variation of Tiddledy-Winks. A wall of pasteboard bricks is set up around a pasteboard Descriptions are to Helen what paintings garden, and the wirks are shot over into the garden in the familiar manner. A we sat in a gondola, I tried to tell Helen wink that lands upon the flower bed in the how the thousands of tiny electric lights middle counts 3 points, on the paths wink that lands upon the flower bed in the points, on the grass plots I point. Several trees grow in the garden, being set up on wooder basis, and if a wink knocks one of them over 2 points are lost.

Another game after the pattern of Tiddledy-Winks is called King's Quoits. The problem is to shoot winks which will be a shoot winks.

problem is to shoot winks, which are in shape of rings, so that they will fall and encircle numbered pegs. Another novelty is the Sociable Snake, which is divided up into segments on a picture board. The moves are made from segment to segment throwing dice, and the player alights upon a red spot is obliged to move back. Heedless Tommy is a game

It is only of late years that Jaffa oranges have obtained a world-wide reputation, for hot some eighteen years since they were up into squares. In some of the squares Tommy is seen in the act of doing some thing good, as rescuing a kitten, while in others he is behaving badly, stealing jam, for example. When the player alights on has a red ball, representing the historic apple, on top of it. Every time this is acapple, on top of it. mplished without knocking off the ball it counts so many points.

Shovelboard for the Parlor. A new game of Shovelboard for the parior along the board by blows with a wooden hammer. More interesting is the Magnetic Fish Pond, which, when set up, represents bucket is dipped by the players in turn In the well are cards, each with a metal ring and bearing a single line of the famous poem. In the bottom of the boy is a magnet and the player who first fishes out the lines required to compose a whole

stanza wins. For the little one's are world's fair blocks, with pictures of the exposition and brownie blocks, the latter designed by Palmer Cox. Then there are fragmentary puzzles of Columbus and the white squadron, to be put together. Dolls' houses of pasteboard are so made in sections that they can be taken out of a flat box and set up complete in a few moments. Pantomime books, so-called, open in the middle so as to give the effect stage scenes, which tell the storie

All the singing games that children play. such as Ring-around-a-Rosy and Ugly Mug, are embraced in a little book with pretty illustrations and music. Similar volumes comprise sports of all sorts, and plays and games for little folks. Fireside Fun is other Christmas book full of games for older folks, suitable for winter evenings.